**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION** Cheat Sheet

**CONTEXT:** Where did you get your idea/s from? Was it a class discussion, a turning point in the novel, something you took from what a character said? What is the link between your piece and *I’m Not Scared* and the prompt? *E.g. I’m Not Scared inspired me to consider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The extract where\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was particularly inspirational because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**AUDIENCE:** Who is your intended readership and why?Possible audiences: Oneself, peers, family, friends, readers of a particular section of newspaper, readers of a magazine, young children, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_community, readers with a special interest in this subject.*E.g. This piece of writing is intended for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**PUROSE:** What is the reason for writing this piece? To explain, inform, reflect, complain, discuss, entertain, comment, shock, recount an incident, describe report, amuse etc. *E.g. I chose to write a/an (insert form) because I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**FORM:**What type of form will you write in and why? (Select from list on SAC cover sheet) *E.g. I chose to write \_\_\_\_\_ because this form allows me to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**LANGUAGE CHOICES:** What best suits your audience, purpose, context & explain reason for choices.

* **Figurative language** What forms of figurative language will you incorporate and why?
* **Echo** What language techniques used by a particular author will you replicate and why?
* **Sentence length** Are the sentences long and complex/simple and straightforward and why?
* **Informal or formal language** How formal or informal is the language?
* **Narrative point of view** 1st , 2nd or 3rd person and why? Future, past or present tense &why?
* **Tone** What tone/mood/feeling will you use and why?

*E.g: The language feature/s this piece will use are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because/to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?*

**Expository SOI Sample**

**Form:** Blog Post- this is a blog post, a type of online diary entry, where the author writes about his life and past

**Language:** As a blog post, the language used is a little more casual with the occasional bouts of swearing and misspellings to illustrate how the author would normally speak. However, even with the casual tone of the written piece, the author has occasional uses of sophisticated words to reflect his/her academic and intellectual nature.

**Audience:** The audience of this piece is primarily the author, who has mainly written this as a means of reflecting on his entire life, Of course, the author also wishes for his story to be read by other people (who he refers to as ‘kids’ indicating that he wants to specifically target youth) so that it may inspire them to stay true to themselves.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this written piece is mainly for the author to reflect on the success in his life of maintaining his integrity but also serves the dual purpose of telling his tale to other people in the hope that they can find inspiration from his story so that they too can triumph in their lives by living true to themselves.

**Context:** *The Member of the Wedding*, the author as a result of many minority groups he is placed under experiences forms of discrimination. His African heritage which happens back in the era of TMOTW where Africans were segregated against and his trans-genderism which is similar to cross-dresser referenced in the novel) make him different from the others, leading to the animosity directed towards him. Like Frannie, the authors childhood also experiences many instances of being from others due to their personality.